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**Inventors : TOURAPIS, Alexandros, et al.**  
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**Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MINIMIZING NUMBER OF  
REFERENCE PICTURES USED FOR INTER-CODING**  
**Examiner : BAYARD, Emmanuel**  
**Art Unit : 2611**  
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**Request to Apply Issue Fee from earlier Notice of Allowance**

**Mail Stop: Petition**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Sir:

Per the Decision Granting Petition to withdraw from issue after payment of issue fee mailed July 8, 2011, and the Notice of Allowance mailed July 27, 2011, Applicants request that the previous issue fee paid on April 20, 2011 be applied to the outstanding Notice of Allowance. The outstanding Notice of Allowance indicates a previously paid issue fee and that no additional fees are due. No fees are due in connection with this request, however if a fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,

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